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Hours Extended at Certain Jersey City Cooling Sites & Pools for Residents to Stay Cool During Heat Wave through the Weekend Temperatures Expected to Reach High 90s with Heat Index into the 100s

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy and the Jersey City Office of Emergency Management (OEM) announce extended hours at certain city cooling sites and pools through the weekend, as temperatures are expected to reach the high 90s, with the heat index reaching into the 100s.

All residents, especially the elderly, disabled people, pregnant women and children under the age of two are encouraged to stay indoors or take advantage of the facilities if necessary.

“We are adding hours at our cooling sites for residents to escape the heat and humidity, especially our seniors and anyone with asthma or other health issues,” said **Mayor Healy**. “We are hoping those Jersey City residents in need of air conditioning will take advantage of the cooling sites we have set up and conserve water wherever possible.”

The following libraries will be open to the Jersey City community at large, as well as seniors who don't have access to air conditioning. The locations and time schedule are as follows:

- **Five Corners Library**, 678 Newark Avenue
Hours: Monday, 12Noon-8 PM; Tuesday through Thursday, 10AM-6 PM; Friday, 9AM -5 PM
- **Jersey City Main Library**, 472 Jersey Avenue
Hours: Monday, 9AM – 6PM; Tuesday, 9AM-8PM; Wednesday and Thursday, 9AM – 6PM; Friday, 9AM -5 PM; and Saturday, 10AM – 2PM
- **Glenn D. Cunningham Branch Library and Community Center**, 275 MLK Drive
Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, 10AM-6 PM; Wed., 12Noon-8PM, Friday, 9AM-5 PM.
- **Greenville Branch Library**, 1841 Kennedy Boulevard
Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday, 10AM-6 PM; Tues., 12Noon-8PM, Friday, 9AM-5 PM.
- **The Heights Library**, 14 Zabriskie Street
Hours: Monday – Wednesday 10AM-6 PM; Thurs., 12Noon-8PM, Friday, 9AM-5 PM.
- **Miller Branch Library**, 489 Bergen Avenue
Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, 10AM-6 PM; Wed., 12Noon-8PM, Friday, 9AM-5 PM.

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Monday through Friday from 9:00a.m. – 4:30p.m., the following centers are available to senior citizens:

- **The Joseph Connors Senior Center**, formerly the “Paterson Street Center,” 28 Paterson Street off of Central Avenue
- **The Maureen Collier Community Center**, 335 Bergen Avenue between Ege and Virginia Avenues

There are also two community centers open to the public:

- **Mary McLeod Bethune Community Center, 140 MLK Dr. open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**
- **Pershing Field Community Center**, Summit Avenue and Pershing Plaza
Hours: Monday through Sunday, 8AM – 4PM – **EXTENDED until 10 PM Thursday, Friday and Saturday (July 21, 22, 23)**

There are also three city-owned pools open to the public:

- **Pershing Field Pool (indoor)**, Summit Avenue and Pershing Plaza
Hours: Monday through Friday, 7AM – 9PM; Saturday and Sunday, 12Noon – 6PM
EXTENDED hours Saturday & Sunday 10AM – 8PM (July 23 & 24)
- **Lafayette Pool & Aquatic Center**, Johnston Ave. & Van Horne St.
Hours: Monday through Friday, 7AM – 8PM; Saturday and Sunday, 10AM – 7PM
EXTENDED until 9 PM Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday (July 21, 22, 23 & 24)
- **Pavonia Pool**, Pavonia & West Side Aves.
Hours: Monday through Friday, 9AM – 6PM; Saturday and Sunday, 10AM – 6PM
EXTENDED until 8 PM Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday (July 21, 22, 23 & 24)

Aside from these cooling stations and city pools, residents are welcome to cool off from this summer heat by taking advantage of our **Water Sprinkler Systems** located in City parks, which are **turned on daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.** (weather permitting) at the following locations:

Pershing Field Manhattan Ave. & Central Ave.	Wilkinson Avenue/Playground Wilkinson Ave. & MLK Drive	LaPointe Park DeKalb Avenue
Audubon Park Audubon Ave. & Kennedy Blvd.	Thomas McGovern Park Delmar & Sycamore Roads	Venator Watson Park Stevens Ave. & Martin Luther King Drive
Terrace Park Terrace Avenue & Thorne Street	Roberto Clemente Park – Enos Jones 8th Street & Brunswick Street	Hamilton Park McWilliams Place
Arlington Park Arlington Ave. & Minerva Street	Virginia Avenue Park Virginia Ave. & Bergen Ave.	Columbia Park Bartholdi Ave. & Kennedy Blvd.
Dr. Lena Edwards Park Johnston Avenue & Pine Street	Rev. Ercel Webb/Lafayette Park Lafayette St. & Van Horne St.	

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There are also several public schools with pools that are available for residents to use during the summer months, especially during a heat wave. Below are the sites and schedules for public school pools:

<p>P.S. # 6, 100 St. Paul's Ave. Mon. – Fri., 10am - 4pm</p> <p>P.S. # 15, 135 Stegman St. Mon. – Fri., 10am - 4pm</p> <p>P.S. # 16, 96 Sussex St. Mon. – Fri., 10am - 4pm</p> <p>P.S. # 23, 143 Romaine Ave. Mon. – Fri., 10am - 4pm</p> <p>P.S. # 27, 201 North St. Mon. – Fri., 10am - 4pm</p> <p>P.S. # 40, 88 Gates Avenue Mon. – Fri., 10am-8pm Sat. and Sun., 12pm-4pm</p>	<p>P.S. # 41, 59 Wilkinson Ave. Mon. – Fri., 10am-8pm Sat. and Sun., 12pm-4pm</p> <p>Dickinson HS, 2 Palisade Ave. Mon. - Friday, 10am-4pm</p> <p>Ferris HS, 35 Colgate St. Mon. – Fri., 10am-8pm Sat. and Sun., 12pm-4pm</p> <p>Lincoln HS, 60 Crescent Ave. Mon. – Fri., 10am - 4pm</p>
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During this Heat Wave, **United Water** is urging residents that effective today customers should voluntarily cut back on their use of water. All users are urged to curtail watering of lawns and if they must do so to restrict watering between the hours of 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. At the present time, this is a voluntary restriction that may become mandatory as the heat spell continues.

The **Jersey City Office of Emergency Management (OEM)** has issued the following tips for staying cool during this heat wave:

- Remain indoors (preferably in air conditioned space) as much as possible
- Wear lightweight, light colored and loose fitting clothing
- Keep hydrated by consuming plenty of water and natural juices and avoid beverages with alcohol and caffeine which increase dehydration
- Eat light meals
- Refrain from strenuous activities
- Recognize the symptoms of heat disorders

To protect others from heat exhaustion, residents are urged to check on elderly neighbors and those with disabilities. Apply sunscreen with a high SPF content to small children to avoid overexposure to the sun. Never leave children or pets in closed vehicles where temperatures could exceed 190 degrees in less than ten minutes, and provide shade and cool water to pets.

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